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In re:

Serial #: 097556688

For: Removable Bearing Assemblies

Filed: January 8, 2001

Inventor: J. L. Fisher

GAU: 17

Examiner: [illegible]

Docket #: [illegible]-01221

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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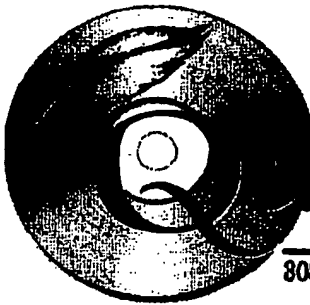
Applicant hereby representative hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated [illegible] 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 21-31 and 38-72. The appeal brief will follow by mail. Charge all fees associated with this notice of appeal to deposit account number 17-0155.

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The applicant mailed an appeal on March 22, 2004. Under separate cover the applicant faxed declarations on the same day. Applicant requested and was charged a 4 month extension for the appeal. Consequently, no charges should have been associated with the declaration. Copies of the transmittal pages are following for clarification.

Please let me know if you need anything else to correct this charge.

Sincerely,

Julie Watkins  
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APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND  
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In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688  
For: Removable Bearing Assemblies  
Filed: January 9, 2001  
Inventor: Richard L. Fisher  
GAU: 3617  
Examiner: Avila  
Docket #: Fisher-001221

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The appellant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing the appeal brief for 4 months from December 22, 2003 to March 22, 2004. Please charge my deposit account number 17-0155 in the amount necessary to cover the cost of the extension. The applicant is a small entity.

## APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Appellant respectfully appeals from the Examiner's final rejection of claims 21 - 31 and 38 - 72.

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In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688  
For: Removable Bearing Assemblies  
Filed: January 9, 2001  
Inventor: Richard L. Fisher  
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DECLARATIONS IN ACCORD WITH 37 CFR 1.195 AND MPEP 1207

In the outstanding action, the Examiner states on page 5 in lines 4 - 5 that "the statements in the affidavits are self serving statements." While this is certainly the case, the appellant and his representative do not believe such statements, whether self serving or otherwise, should be disregarded. Such would fly in the face of affidavit practice as it exists before the Patent Office. Nevertheless, appellant is providing herewith an additional set of declarations made by two individuals very experienced in the marine industry and familiar with the terminology used therein. These individuals recognize the same identity recognized by the appellant. These declarations were not earlier forwarded because the Examiner first objected to the declarations by the appellant and his partner as being self-serving. Consequently, consideration of these in the present appeal is respectfully requested, and appropriate.

A supplemental declaration by the appellant is similarly provided herewith, which restates the contents of the previous declaration but which further sets forth the appellant's experience in this